

Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

January 2016

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit

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Part I Total Crime

A review of serious crime statistics for the first month of 2016 (from January 1st to February 1st) reveals that a 4% decrease in the Part One index total has been recorded. During January of this year, there were 213 serious crimes reported in Cambridge. For the same time period in 2015, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto theft was 221 incidents, 8 more than this year.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first month of 2016 indicates that violent crimes registered a 29% decrease to start the year, while property crimes slipped 1% with only two fewer crimes reported when compared with January of 2015. The majority of the reduction in violent crime can be attributed to a substantial drop in aggravated assaults (-47%) from 15 incidents in 2015 down to 8 in January of 2016.

When measuring the serious crime totals of January 2016 versus the previous month of December 2015, there has been a slight dip of 9% in the number of index incidents with 19 fewer incident counted in January of 2016.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	12/8 - 1/4	1/5 - 2/1	Change	2015	201 6	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	18	13	-28%	21	15	-29%	23	-35%
Total Property Crime	197	183	- 7 %	200	198	-1%	200	-1%
Total Part I Crime	215	196	-9%	221	213	-4%	224	-5%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for the first month of 2016 points to a 1% decrease when measured against both the 2015 totals and the five-year average, with two fewer incidents below both last January and the 200 crimes forecasted for this time period. More than half of the property crime categories registered decreases when measured against last January, most notably a 29% decline in larceny from motor vehicles. The property crimes of housebreaks (+25%), larceny from the person (+54%), and larceny of bicycles (+38%) all recorded substantial increases when compared with the totals for the first month of 2015.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	12/8 - 1/4	1/5 - 2/1	Change	2015	2016	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	35	29	-17%	27	32	19%	31	3%
Commercial Break	5	2	-60%	3	2	-33%	4	-50%
Housebreak	30	27	-10%	24	30	25%	27	11%
Larceny	159	143	-10%	166	155	-7%	163	-5%
Larceny (Misc)	4	3	-25%	6	3	-50%	3	0%
Larceny from Building	27	27	0%	36	30	-17%	35	-14%
Larceny from MV	25	32	28%	48	34	-29%	48	-29%
Larceny from Person	16	17	6%	13	20	54%	18	11%
Larceny from Residence	45	20	-56%	25	23	-8%	19	21%
Larceny of Bicycle	11	11	0% 0%	8	11	38%	8	38%
Larceny of Plate	1	1	0%	2	1	-50%	2	-50%
Larceny of Services	1	1	0%	1	1	0%	2	-50%
Shoplifting	29	31	7%	27	32	19%	28	14%
Auto Theft	3	11	267%	7	11	57%	6	83%
Total Property Crime	197	183	-7%	200	198	-1%	200	-1%



Part I Violent Crime

All measurements of violent crime (the four-week comparison, the year-to-date change, and the five-year average) are projecting declines between 28 to 35 percent. From January 1st to February 1st of 2016, there were 15 violent crimes recorded in the City, 6 incidents below last year (-29%) and 8 violent crimes (-35%) under the total of 23 incidents for the five-year weighted average forecasted for the first month of 2016.

The index crime of robbery rose by one incident when compared with January of 2015. All three of the street robberies were categorized as predatory in nature. Aggravated assaults dove 47% when compared with the first month of 2015, with 7 fewer incidents reported. The drop in aggravated assaults was the key indicator behind the notable decrease (-29%) in violent crime to start 2016.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five	Five Year	
	12/8 - 1/4	1/5 - 2/1	Change	2015	2016	Change	Avg	Change	
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	0	0	IN-CALC	0	IN-CALC	
Rape	4	2	-50%	2	2	0%	2	0%	
Robbery	3	4	33%	4	5	25%	6	-17%	
Commercial Robbery	0	2	IN-CALC	3	2	-33%	2	0%	
Street Robbery	3	2	-33%	1	3	200%	4	-25%	
Aggravated Assault	11	7	-36%	15	8	-47%	15	-47%	
Total Violent Crime	18	13	-28%	21	15	-29%	23	-35%	



MURDER

No Patterns

 There were no murders committed in Cambridge during January of 2016.

There were three murders in Cambridge in 2015.

- On April 14th, 2015, Carlos D. Colina was arraigned in Middlesex District Court and was charged with the April 4th murder of Jonathan Camilien, 26, of Somerville, in an apartment on Binney St.
- On August 24th, Roosselin Altidor, 25, of Medford was arraigned in Cambridge District Court on a charge of murder in connection with a homicide in Cambridge on Wednesday, August 12. Rasaun Nichols, 31, of Cambridge, was killed by gunshots while in a vehicle in the area of Newtowne Court.
- Antwan Gonsalves, 33, of Cambridge was arrested on September 24th and charged with murder in connection with a homicide that involved a stabbing in Central Square on the night of September 12, 2015. Killed was Tywann Jones, 35, of Roxbury.
- All three murders in Cambridge during 2015 were cleared by an arrest. Twenty-four of the thirty murders in Cambridge since 2000 (80%) have been cleared by an arrest / suicide of the perpetrator. Since 1990, Cambridge has averaged two murders per year, which is a decrease from the 30-year period between 1960 to 1990 when the average was slightly less than five per year.

Percent Change*

Previous Year Last 4 Weeks

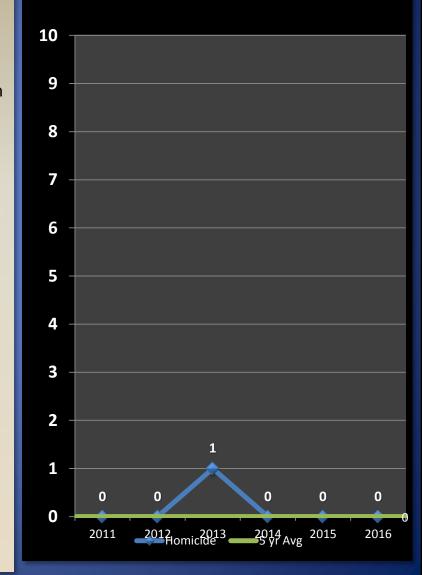
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5 Year Average

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Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2016

Colin Burton, 30, of Dorchester, was shot and killed outside of Hi - Fi Pizza on Mass Ave in Central Square on September 18th, 1999. Burton was talking with the occupants of a Ford Explorer when the subject in the passenger seat fired through the window. Two suspects fled the scene. The case remains under active investigation.



September 18, 1999, Mass Ave



lan Gray,19, of Mattapan, was in an argument outside of the Rhythm & Spice restaurant that spilled out onto Mass Ave. A suspect that had left the scene returned with a group of people and a fight ensued. A knife was produced during the altercation and four gunshots were fired, fatally wounding Gray. This case remains open.

On June 17th, 2002 at 7:00PM, Ricardo Williams, 27, of Malden, was found in the driver's seat of a motor vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound to his face. Williams was taken to CCH where he was pronounced dead. This case remains open.





Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2016

Jason Ellcock, 33, of Malden, formerly of Cambridge and father of three, was found with multiple gunshot wounds in front of the driveway to 364 Rindge Ave at 3:05 AM on the night of June 16th, 2009. He was pronounced dead at the scene. This incident remains under investigation.





March 12, 2011, Brookline St

James Lauture, 30, of Cambridge, was sitting in a vehicle near Brookline and Watson Streets just after midnight on Saturday, March 12th, 2011, when an unknown gunman opened fire. The occupants in the car were able to drive to Central Square. Lauture died from multiple gunshot wounds. The other man in the vehicle survived. This case remains open.

On June 3rd, 2012, **Charlene Holmes**, 16, of Cambridge, was shot while sitting on a porch on Willow St. She later succumbed to her wounds at the hospital. The investigation into this incident remains active, but no arrests have been made to date.



June 3, 2012, Willow St



July 3, 2014, Windsor Street.

On July 3rd, 2014, at 10:00 PM, **Kensley David**, 22, suffered a single gunshot wound to the head while on Windsor Street. Investigators believe that the incident was not random. This case remains under investigation

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to contact CPD at 617-349-3370.



RAPE

No Patterns

The violent index crime of Rape has stayed consistent with the number reported during the first month of last year, with two reported in January of 2016. This is down two incidents from December of 2015 and equal to the 5-year average of two incidents for the first month of the year.

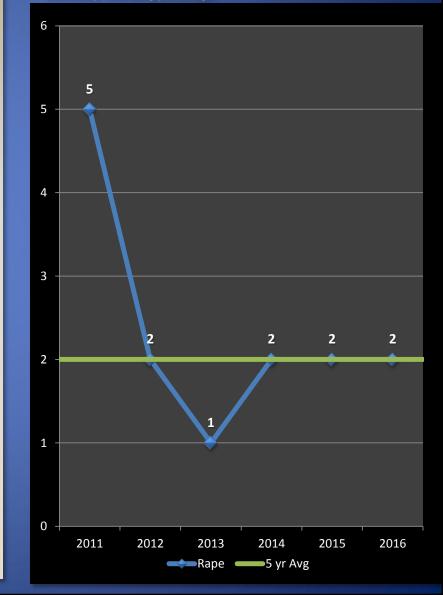
- Preliminary counts indicate that there were 32 rapes reported in Cambridge through December 28th of 2015, exactly the same number that was reported during the same time period last year.
- The following is the preliminary breakdown of Rape classifications in Cambridge so far in 2015: one stranger-to-stranger, seventeen involving acquaintances, eight contact situations, one domestic sexual assault, three blitz scenarios, and two incidents that are still under investigation and have yet to be classified.
- The only stranger-to-stranger incident reported in 2015 involved the following case: there was a blitz attack reported in the early morning hours of 7/24/15. A woman reported that she was the victim of an attempted sexual assault in West Cambridge. The victim was walking home from a friend's house alone. The victim was able to fend off the attacker and the suspect fled the area. Cambridge Police Department detectives are actively investigating this incident. A citywide alert was issued in response to this incident.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks Previous Year 5 Year Average

-50% 0% 0%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- The aggravated assault total for the first month of 2016 indicates a decrease of 47% below last year with seven fewer crimes reported. This is true for the 5year average as well, which was also 15. When compared to the previous four weeks, there is a slightly less noticeable drop of 36%, or four fewer incidents.
- The 7 aggravated assaults in January of 2016 included a road rage incident near Inman Square, a domestic incident in East Cambridge, another road rage incident between a bicyclist and motorist in Cambridgeport, two unprovoked assaults among pedestrians in Central Square, and a workplace fight that was contained to a Webster Ave establishment.
- The preliminary numbers for 2015 indicate that there
 were 185 aggravated assaults reported, one incident
 more than in 2014. When measuring this violent index
 crime against the 5-year average for the final annual
 total, there has been a decline of 14%, with 29 crimes
 below the projected average of 214 aggravated
 assaults.



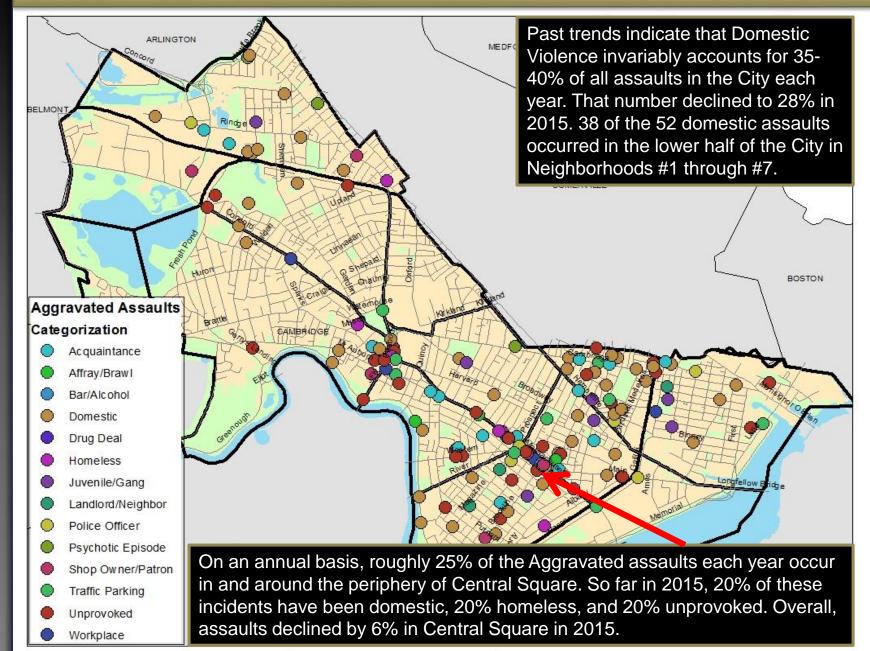








Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults in 2015





ROBBERY

No Patterns

Percent Change

Previous Year

5 Year Average

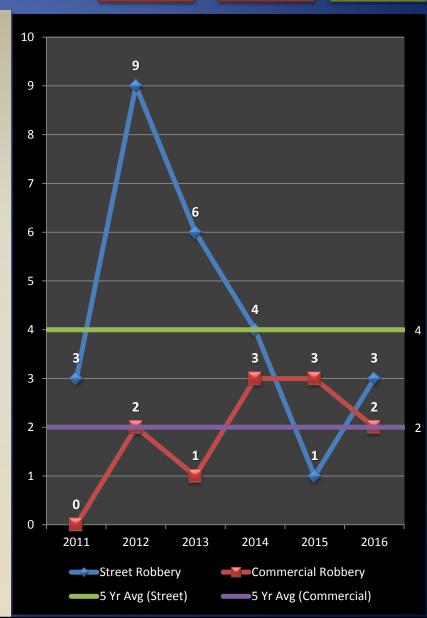
+33%

Last 4 Weeks

+25%

-17%

- The 5-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first month of the year is six incidents. During January 2016, five robberies were recorded, which indicates a 17% decline below the projected total and a 25% increase over the four robberies reported in January 2015.
- After going nearly two months in the city without a commercial robbery being recorded, two shoplifting incidents escalated into violent crimes on the last weekend in January.
- Preliminary 2015 totals indicate that commercial robbery slipped 18% in 2015 with five fewer incidents recorded than in 2014. The robbery on 6/1/15 at the East Cambridge Savings Bank in Porter Square was the first bank heist in Cambridge in 363 days. Since that incident, there have were eight additional bank robberies recorded in the City. The suspects in seven of these crimes were note—passing robbers. Arrests or warrants have been issued in six of the bank robberies in 2015
- Only three street robbery were reported in January of 2016.
- Looking at street robbery in 2015, preliminary totals show that 53 incidents were tallied, revealing a 39% decline below the projected total of 87. The street robbery total in 2014 was the lowest in Cambridge in 50 years.





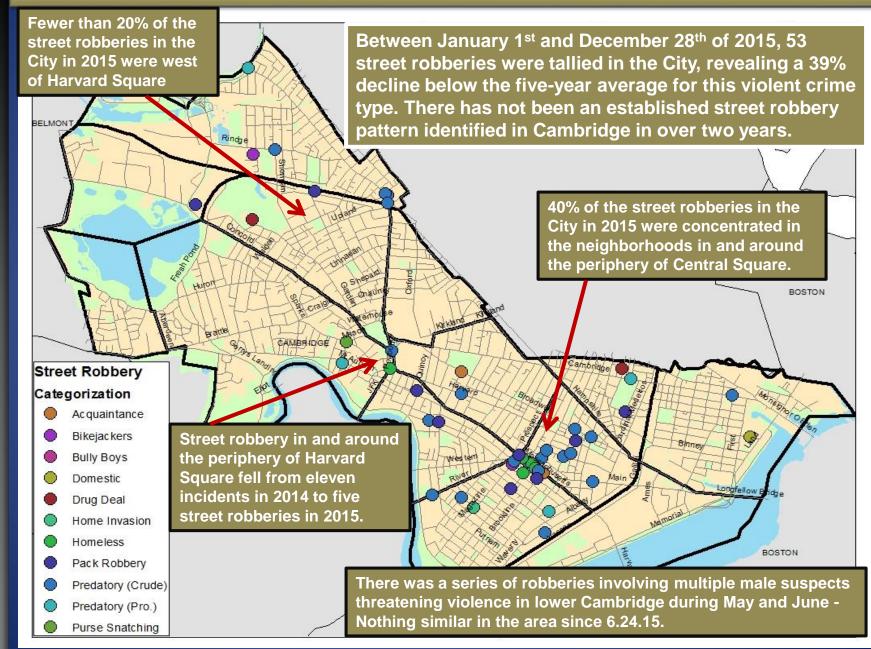
Geographic Breakdown of **Commercial & Street** Robberies in January of 2016







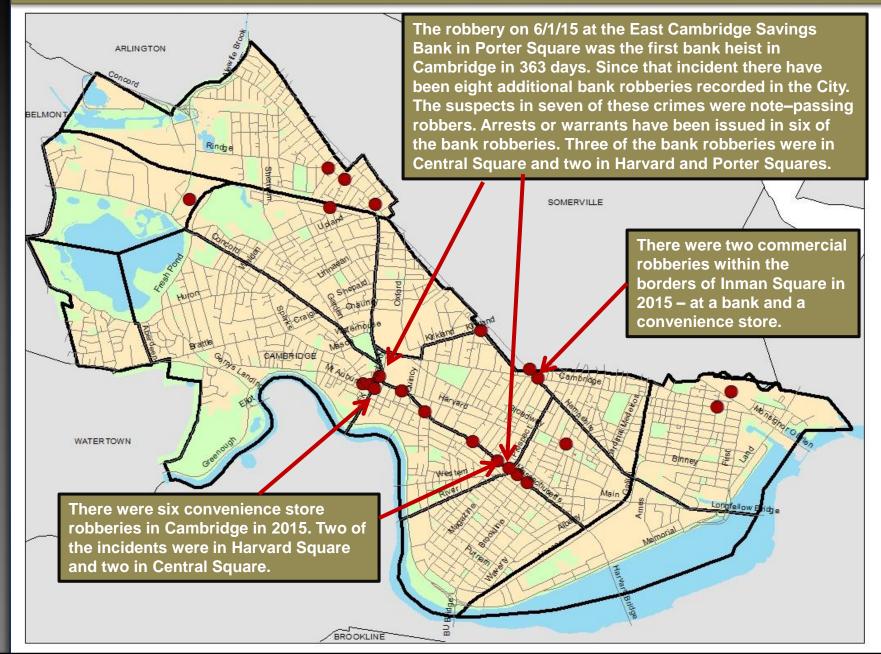
Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies in 2015



January 2016



Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robberies in 2015





Burglary

No Patterns

 The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has risen 3% in 2016 when compared to the five-year average, with one additional incident reported over the projected total of 31 breaks, and has climbed 19% when compared with last year's total for the first month of the year, with five more burglaries reported.

- Housebreaks increased from 24 incidents in the first month of 2015 to 30 (+25%) in January of 2016. At the present time, there are no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving housebreaks in Cambridge. Incidents throughout January were scattered with disparate modus operandi and time frames.
- There were only two unrelated commercial burglaries in Cambridge during January of 2016. Commercial break trends identified in 2015 consisted of a series of construction site breaks in February, and a clustering of incidents in Porter Square, Huron Village, and Central Squares that have abated since the middle of March. There had been a sharp increase in thefts from offices in Central and Porter Squares during April and May of 2015. No distinctive commercial burglary trends or patterns have been identified over the past 8 months.

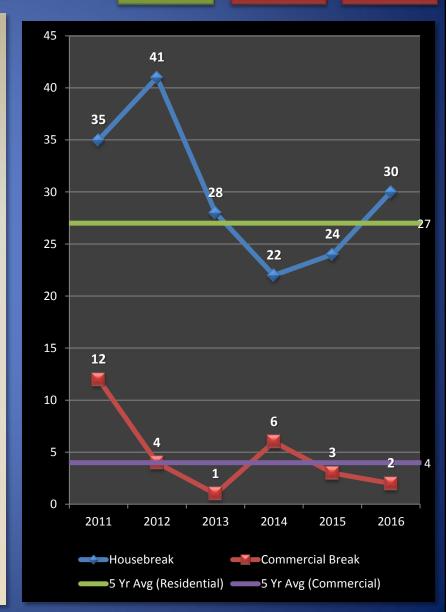
Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks Previous Year 5 Year Average

-17%

+19%

+3%

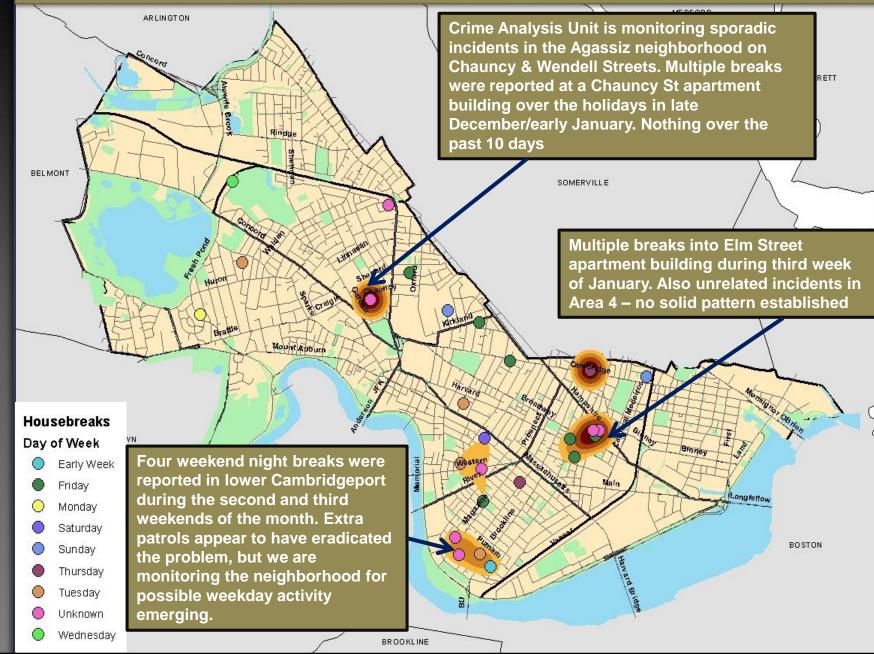


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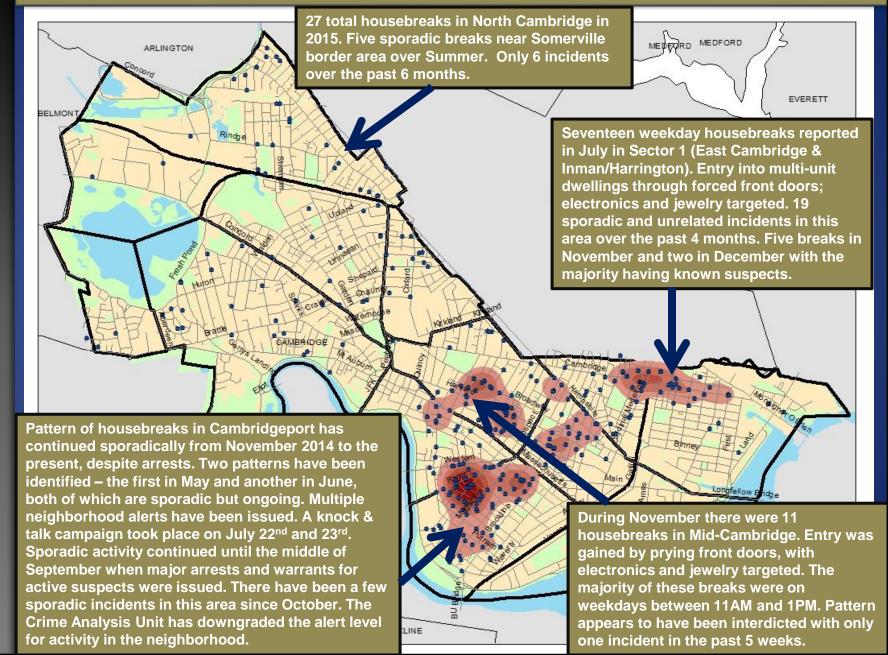


Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks for January of 2016



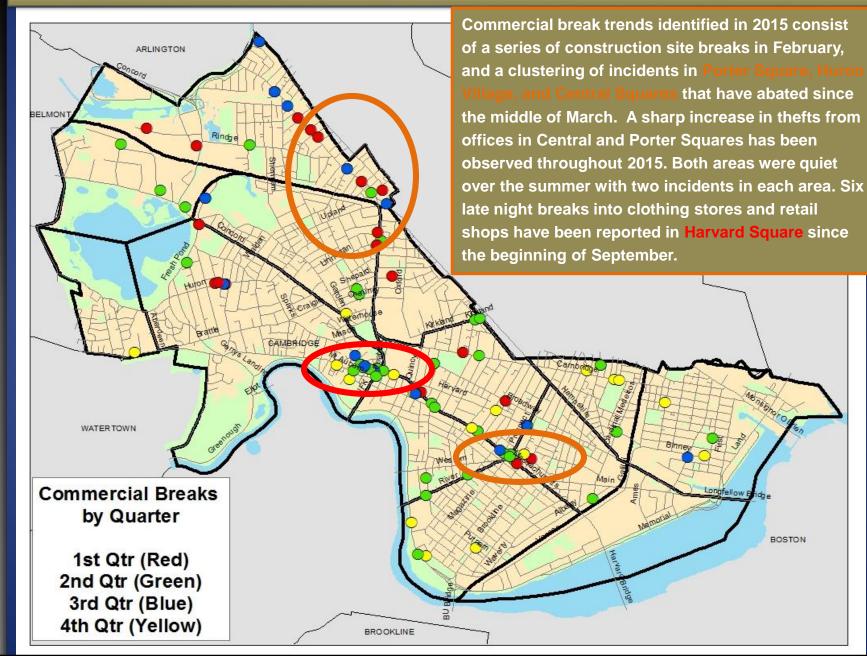


Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks in 2015





Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Burglary in 2015





LARCENY

No Patterns

- Overall larceny through the first month of 2016 registered at 7% (or 11 incidents) below the same time frame in 2015. The preliminary total of 155 larcenies reported year-to-date is also 5% below the 5-year weighted average of 163 incidents for January.
- Larcenies from motor vehicles through February 1st have decreased by 14 crimes, or 29%, from the number reported during the same time frame in 2015. There are currently no patterns anywhere in the city.
- · Larcenies from the person in 2015 remained well below the 2014 totals throughout the entire year. This trend has at least temporarily reversed in January 2016, with 7 additional incidents (+54%) reported this month above the number seen in January 2015. Central Square saw the most incidents in January with 6, followed by Harvard Square with 5.
- There were 30 larcenies from buildings reported in January 2016. This is 17% (6 incidents) below the 36 incidents reported in 2015 and 14% below the 5-year average of 35. There are no patterns or trends of this crime type in the city at the present time.
- After seeing a year of increases in 2015, larcenies from residences registered a slight decline in January 2016, with 2 fewer incidents reported this month than in January 2015. These larcenies are also down 56% from the previous four weeks (December). This is to be expected because package thefts constitute the majority of this crime type, and the end of the holiday season generally leads to a decrease in package deliveries and thefts. Peabody saw the most package thefts in January with 4, followed by Cambridgeport with 3.
- Through February 1, 2016, there have been 11 bikes reported stolen in Cambridge, up 3 incidents from both the 8 thefts reported through the same time in 2015 and the 5-year average of 8. Cambridgeport saw the most in January with 3 incidents. Bike thefts are expected to remain relatively low throughout the cold weather months.

Percent Change

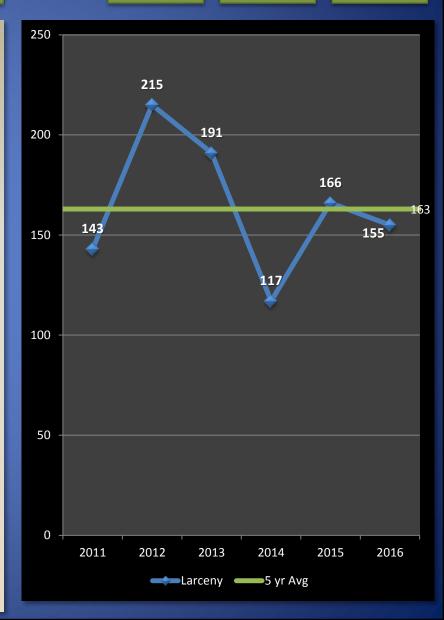
Previous Year Last 4 Weeks

-7%

-5%

5 Year Average

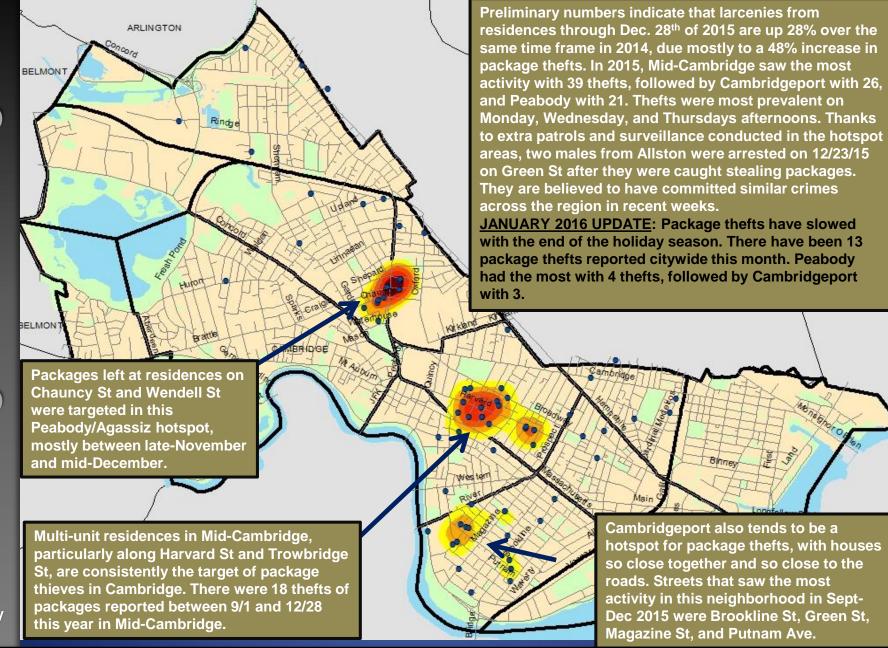








Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts for Sept.-Dec. of 2015





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- Larcenies from MVs plummeted 29% for the first month of 2016 when compared with January of 2015. There have been 14 fewer thefts reported so far this year. This property crime has also declined 29% when measured against the 5-year average, with 14 fewer incidents than the projected total of 48 thefts.
- When comparing the most recent four weeks to the previous four weeks, this index crime jumped upward by 28% with 7 additional thefts reported.
- At the present time, there are no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving larceny from motor vehicles in Cambridge. There were nine LMVs over the MLK weekend. Three of the incidents were overnight thefts in Cambridgeport on Putnam, Newton and Cottage Streets, with an alarm heard at 5AM on Newton St. Over the first two weeks of January, there was a modest increase in thefts from garages in Central and Kendal Squares.
- Preliminary data for 2015 indicates that larcenies from vehicles declined 21% when compared with 2014. There were 105 fewer thefts reported. This crime also dropped 34% when measured against the five-year average, with 205 fewer incidents than the projected total of 605 thefts.

Percent Change

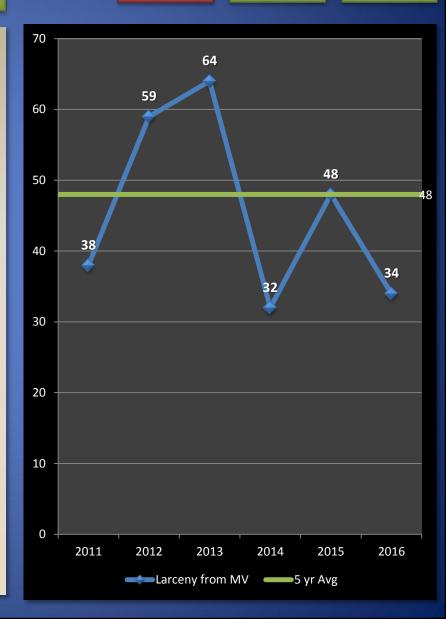
Last 4 Weeks Previous Year

+28%

-29%

-29%

5 Year Average

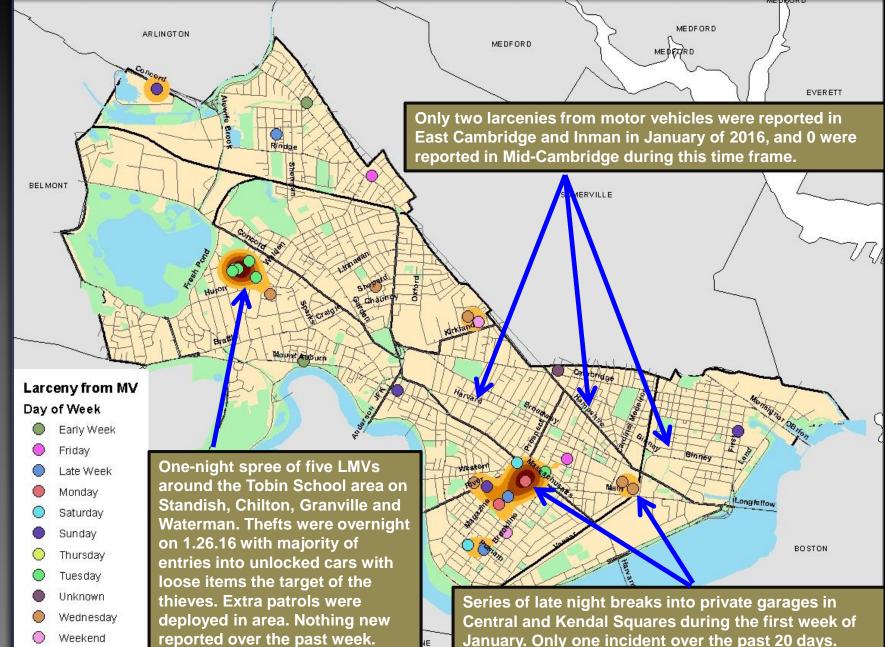


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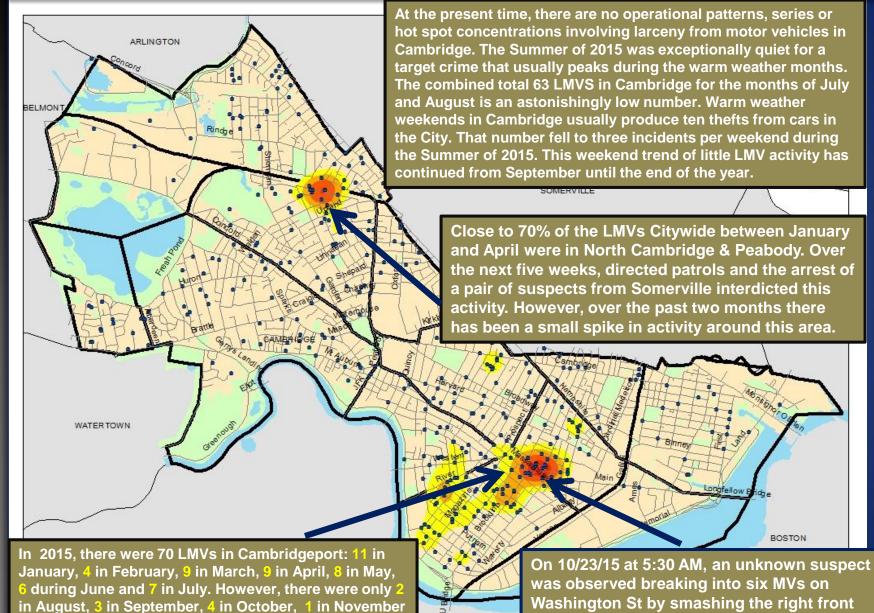


Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from MVs for January of 2016





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from MVs for 2015



windows, rummaging through MV contents,

and fleeing on a bike.

January 2016

& 6 in December. The majority of incidents have been

on weekend nights with unlocked cars targeted.



No Patterns

LARCENY: from Person

- Larcenies from the person are at least temporarily on the rise during the first month of 2016, after two years of very little activity and few patterns in 2014 and 2015. This crime type is up 7 incidents (54%) through the first month of 2016, when compared with the same time frame in 2015. The total of 20 incidents reported thus far in 2016 is also 2 incidents, or 11%, above the five-year average of 18 for the first month of the year. Incidents have remained relatively stable when comparing the most recent four weeks (January) to the previous four weeks (December), with only one additional theft reported this month.
- · Central Square saw the most activity in January with 6 incidents, followed by Harvard Square with 5 and Porter Square with 4.
- Very little pattern activity was seen in 2014 and 2015. In past years, much of the larceny from person activity was reported at bars and restaurants in the Squares (known as "dipper" activity). In January of 2016, there were 7 dipper incidents reported across the city, 4 of which took place at cafes and restaurants in the 500-700 blocks of Mass Ave in Central Square. Most incidents were in the afternoon/early evening, split evenly between weekdays (Tues/Thurs/Fri) and weekends.
- No arrests were made in January.
- Preliminary stats indicate that there were approximately 181 larcenies from persons reported in Cambridge in 2015. This is 18% lower than the 220 incidents reported in 2014.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

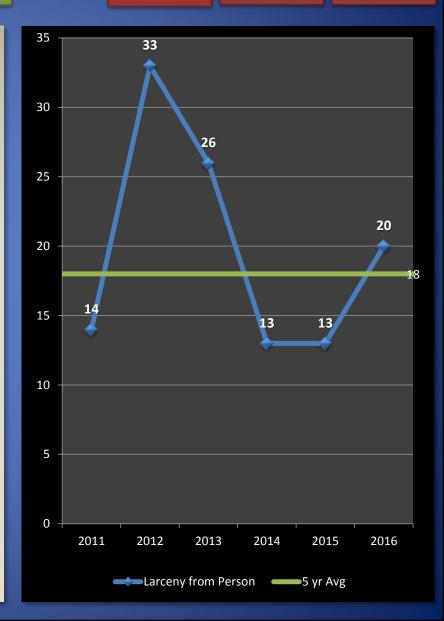
Previous Year

5 Year Average

+6%

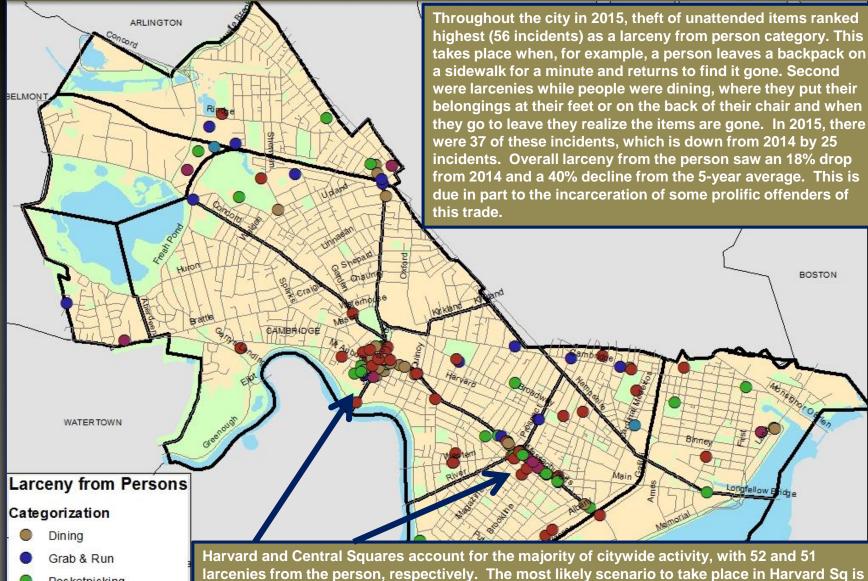
+54%

+11%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Persons for 2015



a larceny while the person is dining, followed by thefts of unattended items. For Central Sq, the

Squares saw a significant decrease in numbers compared to the last five years. In fact, in the

past 2-3 years, the total number of larcenies from the person has been cut in half in these two

top scenario is the theft of unattended items, followed by pocket pickings. Both of these

January 2016 Poc ketpicking

Unattended (Other)

Shopping

Theater



LARCENY: of Bicycle No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks Previous Year 5 Year Average

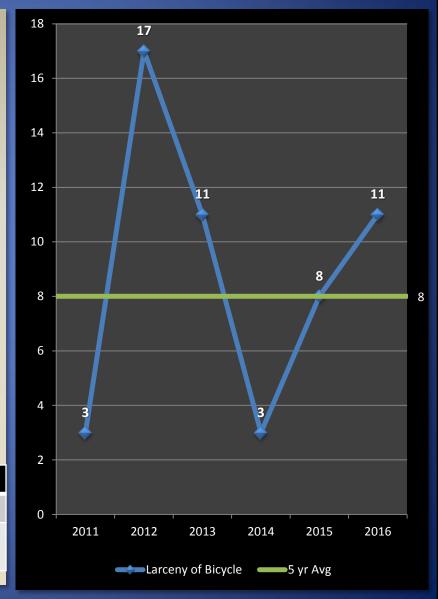
0% +

+38%

+38%

- As we would expect for this time of year, very few bike thefts were reported in Cambridge in January 2016.
 There have only been 11 bike thefts reported through February 1st, 2016. This number is 3 incidents above the total reported during the same time frame last year and also 3 incidents above the 5-year average of 8. The slight increase this year may be due, at least in part, to the warmer weather this winter compared to other years.
- Neighborhoods that saw the most bike thefts in January were Cambridgeport with 3, followed by Area 4 and North Cambridge, each with 2.
- 64% (7) of the 11 bicycles stolen year-to-date in 2016 were locked at the time of the thefts.
- As for preliminarily 2015 stats, there were 362 bicycles reported stolen citywide in Cambridge last year. This is 10% (34 incidents) above the 328 thefts reported during this time frame in 2014 and 1% (5 thefts) above the five-year average of 357. 71% (258) of the 362 bicycles stolen in 2015 were locked at the time of the thefts.
- Top Neighborhoods for Bike Thefts Year-To-Date:

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	3	27%
Area 4 & North Cambridge	2 each	18% each





AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

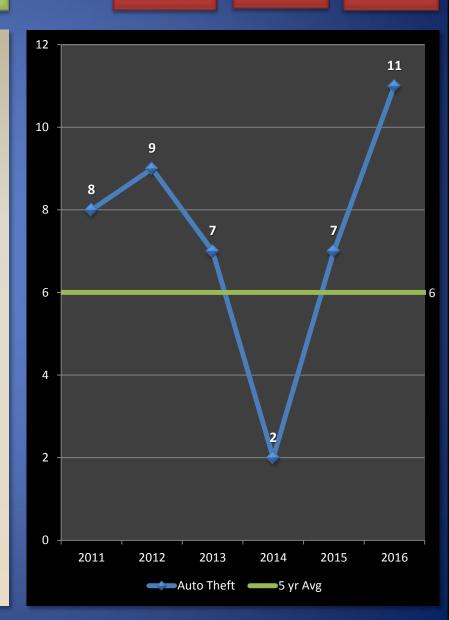
5 Year Average

+267%

+57%

+83%

- The projected 5-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first month of the year is 6 incidents. With 11 thefts reported in January 2016, we are 83% (5 incidents) above the average and 57% (4 incidents) above the number reported during this time frame in 2015.
- There were 11 auto thefts reported in the past four weeks, which is up substantially (+267%) from the 3 incidents reported during the previous four weeks.
- Since the beginning of the year, the following neighborhoods recorded auto thefts: West Cambridge (4), Area 4 (3), Cambridgeport (3), and East Cambridge (1).
- One of the vehicles that was stolen in January was taken from the same residence twice within two days, resulting in two theft reports. A suspect has since been developed in this case and warrants have been issued. It is possible that this suspect is responsible for more than those two auto thefts, potentially accounting for at least part of the dramatic spike in January. Another location that accounts for 2 of the 11 reports this month is an auto rental company in West Cambridge that reported two separate rental cars stolen after they were not brought back by their return dates.
- Of the 11 cars stolen thus far in 2016, 7 (64%) have been recovered to date.





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